

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as supplemental to the response filed on January 28, 2009 and the telephone interviews with the Examiner on April 14, May 1 and May 4, 2009.

Applicants sincerely thank the Examiner for taking the time to conduct the telephone interviews.

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue. An RCE is being filed concurrently herewith.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-12 are under consideration in this application. Claims 1-12 are being amended, as set forth in the above marked-up presentation of the claim amendments, in order to more particularly define and distinctly claim Applicants' invention. All the amendments to the claims are supported by the specification. Applicants hereby submit that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this response.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-12 will be allowed if rewritten to overcome the pending §112 rejections, as noted below. Since claims 1-12 are being rewritten to overcome the pending §112 rejections, the claims are in condition for allowance.

Formality Rejection & Interview Summary

Claim 1 was objected to for informalities. Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as not being enabled, as well as under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

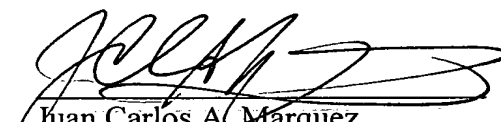
As indicated by the Examiner during the last telephone interview, the proposed claim 1 overcomes the §112 rejection. As the other pending claims are being amended to be consistent with claim 1, the withdrawal of the outstanding informality rejection is in order, and is therefore respectfully solicited.

Conclusion

In view of all the above, clear and distinct differences as discussed exist between the present invention as now claimed and the prior art reference upon which the rejections in the Office Action rely. Applicants respectfully contend that the prior art references cannot anticipate the present invention or render the present invention obvious. Rather, the present invention as a whole is distinguishable, and thereby allowable over the prior art.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and telephone number indicated below.

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